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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Application No. 09/227,881  
Filed: January 11, 1999  
Title: Nucleic Acids, Kits and Methods for the Diagnosis,  
Prognosis and Treatment of Glaucoma and Related  
Disorders  
Applicants: Thai D. Nguyen *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 16491.066

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2004;
2. a Notice of Appeal;
3. a Petition for Extension of Time; and
4. a return postcard.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Applicants request that the following fees be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing docket number 16491.066:

\$ <u>500.00</u>	Notice of Appeal Fee
\$ <u>120.00</u>	one-month extension of time fee

In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees, other than the Notice of Appeal Fee (\$500.00) and the one month extension of time fee (\$120.00), are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold &

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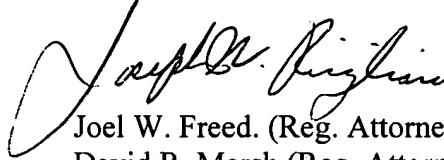
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Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 16491.066. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph W. Ricigliano". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed names of the signatories.

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Enclosures